

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-7 are presently active in this case. The present Amendment cancels Claim 8.

The outstanding Office Action objected to the drawings because of an informality. Claim 8 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claim 8 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by Reuter et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,715,674), Dyer (U.S. Patent No. 5,896,737) or Dyer et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,321,527). Claims 1-7 were allowed.

Initially, Applicant respectfully requests that reference AO (WO 99/35385) cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed October 27, 2003 be acknowledged as having been considered in the next Office Action. The Examiner's initials do not appear next to that reference in the PTO Form 1449 included in the Office Action.

In response to the objection to the drawings, submitted herewith is a Letter Submitting Drawing Sheets along with 1 Replacement Sheet for Fig. 6 adding the "PRIOR ART" legend.

In response to the rejection of Claim 8 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, and 35 U.S.C. § 102, Claim 8 is canceled so that the rejections are now moot.

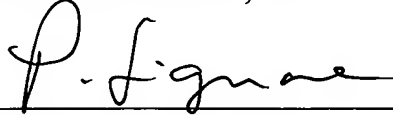
Consequently, in view of the present amendment, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application, and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal Allowance. A Notice of Allowance for Claims 1-7 is earnestly solicited.

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Should the Examiner deem that any further action is necessary to place this application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the below listed telephone number.

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IN THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 6. This sheet, which includes Fig. 6, replaces the original sheet including Fig. 6.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet